Scrapping of overaged ships

*38. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Indian ships are overaged and are required to be scrapped;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for actual tonnage to the total tonnage;

(c) what are the names of various ships in the Indian merchant fleet along with the year of their commissioning and likely operational life and the tonnage of each; and

(d) what are the details of Government's plans to deal with the problem of the overaged ships?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) and (b) The age-wise analysis of Indian merchant fleet reveals that as on 31-3-86 approximately 1.65 million GRT, or nearly 26 per cent of total operational fleet have been built in 1970 and earlier; and 2.13 million GRT or nearly 33.5 per cent of total operation fleet have been built between 1971—75. The above tonnage of 3.78 million GRT is overage.

(c) Names of ships in Indian merchant fleet along with the year of commissioning (as on 31.12.85) is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* Appendix CXXXVIII, Annexure No. 31 Generally, the economic life of a tanker is sixteen years and that of dry goods carrier twenty years. The operational life of a ship, however, depends on the economics of its operations as well as the maintenance.

(d) The need for replacement of overaged ton nage of 2.5 milion GRT during 7th Plan has been accepted by Planning Commission.

Withdrawal of financing trawlers by SDFC

*39. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shipping Development Fund Committee has planned to withdraw the financing of trawlers after March 31, 1986; and

(b) if so, what is the ratio of their such withdrawal?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) and (d) Proposals for acquisition of fishing trawlers are initially considered by Fishing Vessels Acquisition Committee in the Ministry of Agriculture. The proposals so cleared by this Committee are considered by the Screening Committee in the Ministry of Agriculture for sanction of loans which are released through Shipping Development Fund Committee under the Department of Surface Transport. Subsidy for construction of fishing trawlers by the indigenous shipyards is also released through SDFC. To effect from 13.6.85 in the National tion, disbursal and recovery of loans to/from the fishing companies, it has been proposed to transfer the loaning functions to the Ministry of Agriculture.

Revision of pay scales of University Teachers

*40. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed for revision of pay scales of the University teachers has submitted its report;